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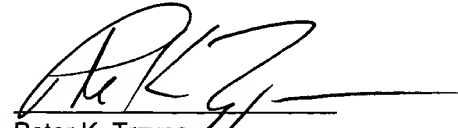
1. Second Preliminary Amendment; and
2. Amended Version of the Claims.

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Please enter the following amendment and reconsider the application in view of the amendment set forth below.

I. Amendment

A. In the Claims

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for using a computer system to arbitrate and distribute communication over the Internet, the method including the steps of:

connecting a plurality of participant computers with a controller computer

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